

Steve Lynch - Fwd: Web Contact - Reply: N, Subject: 560 Mathilda Avenue

From: Alice Gamboa-Navas
To: Lynch, Steve
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Steve,
Here's a letter against the project above.
Alice

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ReplyRequested = N
Subject = 560 Mathilda Avenue
Message =
Re: 2004-0139 Miro Design Group [Applicant]

My mother and I own the property at 538 S. Mathilda, next to the project cited above. I am writing to object to the proposal.

Personally, I am concerned about my mother's welfare. A woman who is a native of the area, and who has generously contributed to the welfare of the community, should be afforded a quiet environment as she approaches her 94th birthday. But I understand that one person's comfort is not necessarily a convincing argument against approval.

However, I do feel that the project as proposed is contrary to the Downtown Specific Plan, which reserves the 500 block of Mathilda for large, general development in a style consistent with the boulevard look that is described as the goal for Mathilda Avenue. This project would create overuse of a narrow lot, an impediment to any future development of the block for a more spacious and visually pleasing complex, and a safety hazard by producing a high-use turn off on a heavily trafficked corridor.

It seems unwise to allow such an insensitive development directly across from the Civic Center, an area that should be conserved until such time as optimum use can be made of the site. To proceed would be to derail the Specific Plan before it has even begun to take effect. It would put the entire concept of a Plan into jeopardy. Who will take it seriously if THE prime focus of the Plan is discarded to accommodate the impractical whim of a single developer.

I encourage the Commission to reject the project, and to disallow any single lot development of the 500 block of Mathilda Avenue that would detract from the long term goals of the Downtown Specific Plan. Please, don't sabotage your own efforts by ignoring the guidelines you have set down, which, so early after Plan's approval, would send the signal that it is not a serious effort to reshape Sunnyvale's downtown, after all.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Sincerely

David Zarko